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Affordable Care Act Funding Opportunities

Identifying and securing ACA funding has been an important function of the Health Care Reform Coordinating Council. What follows is a list of awards that have been secured by State agencies in 2010, followed by some examples of awards that have come to Maryland through other organizations. The list may not be complete, but is the best summary available as of December 5, 2010.

Awards to State Agencies in 2010:

Governor's Workforce Investment Board (GWIB)

Workforce Development Planning Grant (\$150,000): Establish high level workforce steering committee among GWIB members to undertake a rigorous planning process leading to development of the 10-year health workforce expansion blueprint: *Preparing for Reform: Health Care 2020*. The blueprint will be designed to increase the primary care workforce by 10 to 25% over a 10-year period.

Department of Aging

Medicare Outreach and Assistance in Low Income Programs and Prevention Grants (\$595,551): Provide outreach and assistance to Medicare beneficiaries on their benefits, including coverage for preventive services.

Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) Options Counseling Grants (\$500,000): Strengthen Options Counseling programs to help people understand, evaluate, and manage the full range of services and supports available in their community.

Evidence Care Transition Grants (\$197,600): Coordinate and continue to encourage evidence-based care transition models, aimed at breaking cycle of readmissions to a hospital when an individual is discharged into the community without the social services and supports they may need.

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

State Planning and Establishment Grants for the ACA Exchanges (\$997,227): Assess current IT systems and infrastructure and determine new requirements, develop communications planning and market research and hire core staff.

Public Health Infrastructure (\$300,000): Build, institutionalize, and implement performance management capacity within the local health departments, which includes initiating quality improvement training for state and local health department staff.

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HIV/AIDS Prevention and Testing (\$1,254,320): Three awards to expand HIV prevention efforts in high risk populations and communities, as well as fill critical gaps in data, knowledge and understanding of the epidemic. Funding will also increase HIV testing opportunities for populations disproportionately affected with HIV and help link HIV-infected persons with appropriate care.

Tobacco Prevention and Control (\$79,325): Enhance and expand tobacco cessation quit lines to further increase the number of tobacco users who quit.

Epidemiology & Laboratory Capacity/Emerging Infections Program Grant (\$668,880): Two awards to increase epidemiology, laboratory and health information systems capacity at the state health department. Funding will focus on response to disease outbreaks, monitor trends and evaluate the impact of interventions such as vaccinations or infection control practices, to improve the public's health.

Aging and Disability Resource Centers Transition through Money Follows the Person Grants (\$397,560): Strengthen ADRCs' role in the CMS Money Follows the Person program and support state Medicaid agencies as they transition individuals from nursing homes to community-based care.

Loan repayment program (\$250,000): Increased support above the funding already allocated for the current student loan repayment program for students training to be health professionals.

Maternal, infant, and early childhood home visitation grant (\$997,000): In partnership with the Governor's Office on Children and the Children's Cabinet, evidence based models will be used to provide home visitation services in at-risk communities.

Attorney General

Consumer Assistance Program (\$599,220): Improve support for consumers through additional health ombudsman efforts and education.

Maryland Insurance Administration

Insurance premium rate review (\$1,000,000): Improve the current health insurance rate review process, including increased transparency and electronic data reporting capability.

Maryland Health Insurance Program

State Administered High Risk Pool component of ACA has awarded an \$85,000,000 contract to Maryland that can be used beginning September 2010 until the funds run out. Provides

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immediate access to health insurance for people with preexisting conditions through the Maryland Health Insurance Program.

Other Notable Awards

Community Health Center Capital Development Grants (\$3,300,000): West Cecil Health Center. Construct a new 12,200 square-foot facility that will more than double the exam room capacity for primary care services while enabling the organization to add behavioral health, obstetrics and dentistry services.

Primary Care Residency Expansion (\$3,839,998): Johns Hopkins University. Expand residency program through the creation of the Osler Urban Health Residency Training Track. Four new residents will undergo three years of training in the Department of Medicine with a focus on addressing the needs of the underserved population in Baltimore City.

SAMHSA Grants, Family Services, Inc., Gaithersburg (\$490,868): Assist community behavioral health agencies to integrate primary care into their services for individuals with mental illnesses or substance use disorders.

Workforce Development Grants directly to higher education institutions (\$2,500,000): With the support of DHMH, UMB (nursing), UM (nursing and nurse anesthetists), Salisbury State (nursing), Coppin State (nursing), Johns Hopkins (nursing and geriatric), and Western Maryland AHEC, all received direct program assistance.

Therapeutic Discovery Project Credits and Grants, from NIH (\$48,768,488): Over 100 different Maryland biotechnology companies received 233 separate grants and one project credit.

Development and Modernization of Community Health Centers (\$83,363): Mid-Atlantic Association of Community Health Centers received money directly from HRSA. The National Association of Community Health Centers, located in Bethesda, will distribute an additional \$1,375,000 nationwide to their members.

Early Retiree Health Care: The State of Maryland as an employer (Department of Budget and Management) has been approved for the Early Retiree Health Care provision of the ACA, along with over 80 other Maryland employers. Not an actual grant but depending on how long the \$2 billion lasts, the State could be reimbursed up to approximately \$20,000,000 for claims paid on behalf of State Retirees under age 65 for Plan Years 2010 and 2011. Because of the effective date of this program (June 1, 2010), Plan year 2010 includes only the month of June.